

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting: June 28, 2018

Item Number: **050**

Public Health

Approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of \$179,708 in additional grant funds from the Texas Department of State Health Services, and amending the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Austin Public Health Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20170913-001) to appropriate \$179,708 for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children.

Lead Department	Austin Public Health.
Fiscal Note	Funding in the amount of \$6,079,708 is available from the Texas Department of State Health Services. The grant period is October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018. A fiscal note is attached.
Prior Council Action	On September 13, 2017, Council approved Ordinance No. 20170913-001 adopting the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Operating Budget which authorized \$5,900,000 in grant appropriation for Public Health Emergency Preparedness.
For More Information	Stephanie Hayden, Director, Austin Public Health, 972-5010; Donna Sundstrom, Assistant Director - Community Services, 972-5038; Annette Phinney, WIC Manager, 972-6844; Estella Kirscht, Agenda Coordinator, 972-5039.

Additional Backup Information:

The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children is a preventive program that targets women and children below 185% of the federal poverty level. The program provides nutrition education, breastfeeding support, and nutritious foods to pregnant women, infants, and children up to age five.

This grant also provides a lactation center for mothers with breastfeeding problems, a training center for local agency staff and other health providers to receive clinical experience working with breastfeeding mothers and a statewide breastfeeding resource center for health providers to utilize for information and assistance when working with pregnant and breastfeeding women. The additional \$179,708 will be used for operating expenses.

The current approved grant appropriation in the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Budget is \$5,900,000. The requested increase of \$179,708 represents the difference between the approved grant appropriation of \$5,900,000 in the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 budget and the grant award of \$6,079,708.

The additional funds will be used to cover increases in personnel and operating costs, and are not expected to increase performance measures.

This amendment will not affect performance measures.

The General Fund will not be required to contribute additional funds beyond those currently budgeted to this grant. When the grant funds expire, the Austin Public Health Department's need for continuing funding will be evaluated and may be denied.